# COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP \*\*\*FINAL MEETING AGENDA\*\*\*

DATE &TIME: 7:00 PM, Thursday, December 4th, 2014

MEETING LOCATION: Boulevard Fire Training Room, 39919 Ribbonwood Rd, Boulevard CA 91905 (modular behind station-on right)

<u>A. ROLL CALL (Determination of quorum):</u> 1) Robert Maupin; 2) Earl Goodnight 3) VACANT-APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED; 4) Donna Tisdale; 5) Michele Strand; 6) Paula Byrd; 7) Jeffrey McKernan

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** (please silence cell phones)

### **C. APPROVE OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES/SUMMARIES:**

**<u>D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:</u>** Opportunity for public comment on any subject matter within the Group's jurisdiction that is not on the posted agenda. No action can be taken on non-agenda items.

#### **E. ACTION ITEMS:**

- 1. VOTE ON ALL APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 1ST TO FILL SEAT #3: Group members will vote to fill Seat #3 that was vacated by Chris Noland when he had to move out of the Boulevard Planning Area.
- 2. VOTE TO MOVE REGULAR JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> MEETING DATE TO JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup> TO AVOID NEW YEAR'S DAY.

F. GROUP BUSINESS: Announcements; correspondence; discussion items; project updates

- 1. REVITALIZATION REPORT:
- 2. FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORT:
- 3. NOTICE OF VACANCY FOR SEAT #3: Seat #3 is vacant and applications are being accepted by the Chair through Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 4. SOITEC SOLAR PROJECTS (PDS2012-3910-120005): DRAFT PROGROMMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT (DPEIR) REPORT FOR FOUR BOULEVARD PROJECTS WITH 7,409-8,415 CPV SOLAR TRACKERS @ 1,200 SQ FT EACH: Current tentative schedule: December 12<sup>th</sup> release of Final Programmatic EIR (FPEIR) for public review; January 8<sup>th</sup> presentation at Boulevard Planning Group meeting; January 15<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission hearing; February 4<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisor's hearing. The Soitec Solar Development DPEIR includes two projects (80MW Rugged Solar and 60MW Tierra Del Sol Solar), evaluated at the project level, and two projects (22MW LanEast and 6.5MW LanWest) evaluated at a program level due to lack of sufficient information. County project manager: Ashley Gungle: 858-495-5375; Ashley.gungle@sdcounty.ca.gov. Soitec Draft PEIR documents, maps, and public comments are posted at this link:
  - http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/ceqa/Soitec-Solar-EIR.html.
- 5. DESERT RENEWABLE ENERGY CONSERVATION PLAN (DRECP) DRAFT DEIR/EIS COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED BY 45 DAYS

  TO FEBRUARY 23, 2015: The DRECP is a joint state/ federal plan to streamline industrial scale renewable energy projects
  (solar and wind) on over 2 million acres including public and private lands in Imperial County and San Diego County. New
  transmission lines will be needed. Maps in the DRECP's Appendix K-Transmission show plans for one-two new 500kV lines,
  like the Sunrise Powerlink, along a similar route through East County. Public comment period now extended through 2-23
  15. All DRECP documents/ maps are posted here: www.drecp.org; 2-page Preferred Alternative fact sheet and map is
  posted here: http://drecp.org/documents/docs/fact\_sheets/DRECP\_Preferred\_Alternative.pdf.
- 6. UPDATE ON STATUS OF \$100 MILLION LAWSUIT FILED AGAINST THE COUNTY, SUPERVISOR JACOB, DONNA TISDALE,

  BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP, AND OTHERS BY VARIOUS ENTITIES RELATED TO DEVELOPER GREGORY LANSING: A case management hearing has been set for December.
- 7. NEXTERA'S 20MW JACUMBA SOLAR PROJECT UPDATE: NextEra's PV solar project proposed for 108 acres of a 304 acre site located in Jacumba Planning Area adjacent to SDG&E's ECO Substation between Historic Route 80 and the US/Mexico border. Project maps, documents, and comments are posted on the County's project website here: <a href="http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/regulatory/docs/jacumba\_solar.html">http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/regulatory/docs/jacumba\_solar.html</a>
- 8. SDG&E's ECO SUBSTATION: Construction is expected to be completed in 2014. CPUC Mitigation, monitoring, and other reports are posted here: <a href="http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/dudek/ECOSUB/MMCRP.htm">http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/dudek/ECOSUB/MMCRP.htm</a>. CPUC Project Manager: Eric Chiang: 415-703-1956 <a href="mailto:eric.chiang@cpuc.ca.gov">eric.chiang@cpuc.ca.gov</a>

- 9. TULE WIND'S LEASE APPLICATION HEARING WITH STATE LANDS COMMISSION TO ALLOW WIND TURBINES, ROADS,

  INFRASTRUCTURE, MAY NOT BE HEARD UNTIL FEBRUARY 2015: According to SLC staff, Tule Wind's lease application is not ready for a December hearing. The agenda will be posted 10 days prior to the hearing: <a href="http://www.slc.ca.gov/">http://www.slc.ca.gov/</a>
- 10. NOTICE OF PREPARATION, INITIAL STUDY & REQUEST FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) FOR ROUGH ACRES RANCH CAMPGROUND/CONFERENCE CENTER MUP: PDS2012-3300-12-021 (MUP): Public comment closed on May 19<sup>th</sup>: 2750 MCCAIN VALLEY ROAD: 753 ACRES ZONED RL80/A72: The DEIR scoping Comment period closed on May 19<sup>th</sup> Owner: Rough Acres Foundation / Jeff Hamann: Multiple large projects utilizing local groundwater sources, groundwater dependent habitat, fire, noise, biological, cultural resources, and other "Potentially Significant Impacts" or Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated". Project manager contact: Jim Bennett; jim.bennett@sdcounty.ca.gov; (858) 694-8846.
- 11. ROUGH ACRES RANCH ROAD MAJOR GRADING PERMIT: PDS2011-2700-15622: APPLICANT GREGG HAMANN: New private connector road proposed between Ribbonwood Road and McCain Valley Road to serve as access for Iberdrola's Tule Wind, proposed Rough Acres Campground & Conference Center, and Rugged Solar. County Project Manager: Kenneth.Brazell@sdcounty.ca.gov; 858-694-2728 ph; 858-694-8928 fax.
- 12. IBERDROLA'S 200 MW TULE WIND: OPENING BRIEF WAS FILED OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> IN NON-PROFIT GROUP'S 9<sup>TH</sup> CIRCUIT

  APPEAL OF DISTRICT COURT RULING THAT SUPPORTED BLM APPROVALS FOR THE TULE WIND PROJECT: Tule Wind's

  Major Use Permit with San Diego County has expired; Tule Wind is currently working with County staff; No project Power

  Purchase Agreement has been reported. Tule Wind Map: <a href="http://tulewindeccmp.com/Figure2-ProjectLocation.pdf">http://tulewindeccmp.com/Figure2-ProjectLocation.pdf</a>
- 13. <u>TULE WIND PHASE II</u>: On August 1<sup>st</sup>, USFWS rejected Tule Wind's Eagle Take Permit application; a new lawsuit has been filed challenging the Bureau of Indian Affairs' 2013 approval of 20 turbines on Ewijaapaayp tribal lands for Tule Wind II.
- 14. NOTICE OF APPEAL FILED FOR WIND ENERGY ORDINANCE AND PLAN AMENDMENT: A Notice of Appeal has been filed for April 25<sup>th</sup> Superior Court ruling upholding the County's ordinance and Boulevard Plan Amendment.
- 15. SEMPRA'S CROSS-BORDER HIGH VOLTAGE TRANSMISSION LINE, WITH IMPORT CAPACITY OF 1,250 MW, WILL CONNECT THEIR \$300 MILLION ENERGIA SIERRA JUAREZ WIND (ESJ) IN BAJA CALIFORNIA WITH SDG&E'S NEW \$435 MILLION ECO SUBSTATION: Turbine construction has started in Mexico along the Sierra Juarez ridgeline east of Jacumba Hot Springs. Litigation remains unresolved. DOE's ESJ cross-border transmission line project website: <a href="http://esjprojecteis.org/">http://esjprojecteis.org/</a>.

## G. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT REGULAR MEETING SET FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2015 (CHANGED FROM REGUALR 1<sup>ST</sup> THURSDAY DATE THAT FALLS ON JAN 1ST) AT THE BOULEVARD FIRE TRAINING ROOM:

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